

**THE INHABITANTS OF ASH-
NEXT-SANDWICH IN 1705, AN INDEX**

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WE HAVE IN the County Record Office a wealth of documents relating to the parish of Ash in the Eighteenth century. The most useful and interesting of these has to be the 1705 returns for the tax on bachelors over 25 and widowers without child. Representing as it does an almost complete census the labour involved in its administration can scarcely have been covered by the money raised. When the information from the surviving 1705 Land Tax return is tied in, we have a wonderfully revealing snapshot of the microcosm of Kentish Life.

My own family's connexion with Ash lasted nearly three centuries. The series of Land Tax records enabled me to trace the ancestral farm of 1705 through to the tithe map of 1840. When I asked Mr Frank Buddle, my third cousin who still lives in Ash Street if he knew the farm to my astonishment he replied that he used to live there! The coincidence is all the more remarkable since my family left the farm in 1736.

Ash is a large parish made up of many hamlets but with a local point at the southern edge in the Street. The amount of land under cultivation in 1705 I estimate at around 4,500 acres; half if it is arable and over a third pasture. If one divides this acreage by the number of men working the land, around 250, we get a figure of 18 acres. This gives us a rough guide as to the amount of land which would occupy a man fully during the year and give him the status of yeoman. It is not possible to get an absolute figure as clearly the quantity of land and the ratio of arable to pastureland would need to be considered.

The term husbandman strictly includes yeomen, but was the generally accepted term for a man who worked partly for himself and partly for others. The boundaries between the day labourer, the husbandman and the yeoman were thus very hazy. In the Bachelor Tax I found some men listed as husbandmen who held no land. Conversely a small number of men classed as labourers held six or more acres, and these I transferred into the group of husbandmen. Most of the land was owned by gentry who lived elsewhere, a fact which does not really come across when reading Planché's enthusiastic account of the local gentry families.* Only a minority of husbandmen and yeomen here owned any of their land at all.

Some farmers clearly preferred to have their workers living in when others with the same



Ash post mill demolished in a gale in 1955. acreage would depend on the pool of day labourers. By 1764 there had been a decline in Farm servants which was exactly matched by an increase in labourers. Historically many of the farm servants would be the older children and young adults from the community at large. The tradition of sending children away from home in their early teens remained strong.

There were in 1705 about 50 tradesmen, 100 husbandmen, 80 labourers and 70 menservants, figures which were largely unchanged in 1764 except in the area already mentioned. In this context it is noteworthy that the 1664 Hearth Tax lists only 98 households, a figure which suggests that the homes of the smaller tradesmen and husbandmen, and nearly all the labourers, were not included.

150 houses are found in the 1764 Window Tax, which only lists homes with five or more "lights". The number of larger houses equates exactly with the number of tradesmen and husbandmen. Interestingly, however, only half of the husbandmen and yeomen owned their own roof. I base this on the likelihood that most of their homesteads would be large enough to be listed in the Tax. Those paying the Tax often did so for several different properties, suggesting that many husbandmen rented not only their land but also their home as well. Surprisingly, about a quarter of the labourers owned property substantial enough to warrants the Window Tax.

I would be most interest to hear from any member who has connexions with Ash in this period, especially from anyone who can relate themselves to an ancestral property.

* J.R. Planché: *A corner of Kent or, some account of the parish of Ash-next-Sandwich. London 1864.*

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ASH 1705 - THE RESIDENT GENTRY

The lady WYLDE (Goldston House and Manor) 268A, S4+2
Mr William WYLDE 47A S4+2 W,3C
Mr William HURT Officer of Excise SO+1 W
Mr Maddeson Chaplain to Lady Wyld
Mr John SHOCKLIDGE, Clerk S2+O W,1C
Mr John HOGBEN, Surgeon 10A S1+1 W,1C
Mrs MAY, Widow 78A S3+1 4C

TRADESMEN

ANDLEY, Edward Butcher 2A W,2c
ANDLEY, Robert Journeyman Mason W
BAKER, Issac Fruiterer W,1C
BAX, Stephen Fruiterer W,2C
BAX, Thomas Blacksmith 3A W,4C
BEALL, John Victualler (Chequers) 4A W,6C
BEDO, Humphrey Victualler (Chequers became the Weaver's Arms in 1707) 8A W,6C
BING, John Brickmaker W,5C
BRANFORD, John Mason W,5C
BROWN, Edward Blacksmith 2A W
COCK, John Victualler (King & Queen) W,3C
COUSINS, Thomas Weaver W,3C
CURLING, John Carpenter
CURLING, William Carpenter W,5C
DANE, Thomas Carpenter 1C SO+1
DAVINGPORT, John Journeyman Tailor
DOWN, Anthony Mole Catcher W
EASTLAND, John Glover Bachelor >25
EASTLAND, Thomas Glover 5A W
EASTLAND, Thomas Sexton W,3 "Parish Children"
EWELL, Widow Victualler (The Ship) 7A 2C
FRIEND, Ric Carpenter 2A W,2C1 Apprentice
GOOSSON, Samuel Cordwainer 1 Apprentice
HARRIS, John Carpenter W,2C
HENNEKER, John Collar Maker 16A
HORN, John Butcher W
HORN, Joseph Journeyman Shoemaker 2AW,4C
HORN, Thomas Victualler (Red Lion) 18A W,1C
JULL, Adam Journeyman Blacksmith W,2C
KINGSFORD, David Miller W,6C
KNOWLER, John Thatcher W,3C
LACIE, Thomas Thatcher 4A W
LAMBERT, John Barber W,4C
LOVE, Joseph Thatcher 5A W,4C SO+1
MARTEN, Robert Bricklayer 4A W
MINTER, George Snr Victualler (Fleur de Lis) 14A
PILCHER, Benjamin Hemp Dresser W,2C
PRITCHARD, Thomas Weaver W,5C 1 Journeyman
PRIOR, Edward Tailor W 1 Journeyman
PRIOR, William Snr Carpenter 11A W S1+2

PRIOR, William Jr Carpenter W,2C1 Apprentice
READ, Thomas Journeyman Carpenter 1A W,2C
READ, William Thatcher 6A W,1C
REIST, John Weaver 12A W,2C
ROGERS, John Tailer W,2C SO+1 App.
ROW, John Carpenter 4A W,1C
SOLLY, Thomas Apprentice Cordwainer
WILMOTH, Hy Shoemaker 3A W 1 Jnyman
WOOD, Michael Sr Tallow Chandler 22A SO+1 1 Apprentice

YEOMEN AND HUSBANDMEN

ADAMS, John 21A W,3C
ANDLEY, James 7A W
ANSELL, Widow 13A 3C
BACHEL, William 17A 2C
BARE, Joseph Snr 60A W S4+1
BARE, Joseph Jr W,2C
BEAN, Elizabeth, Widow 12A
BEAN, John Bachelor over 25
BEAK, Thomas 22A Outdweller
BING, John 81A W,3C
CARR, John 35A W,1C
CHAMBERS, Thomas Bachelor, boarder with Thomas Price
CHANDLER, John 26A W,3C
CLEANLAND, (CHURLAND), John 59A W,2C S2+O
COLLER, William 11A W,2C
COLLINGS, John 55A W,4C S2+1
COLLINGS, Nicholas 6½A W,3C
CULNER, Daniel 23A Outdweller
CULVERHOUS, William -13A W,2C
DANTON, William 43A W,5C
DENN, Valentine 93A
DOWKER, William 50A Outdweller
EASTLAND, William 7A W,1C
FAIRMAN, John 14A W,1C
FANTING, John 59A W,2C S3+O
FENNELL, Richard 68A W,5C
FOAT, Jeffrey 147A W,3C S2+1
FOAT, John 56A W,1C S2+1
FOAT, Josiah 22A W
FOX, William 26A W,2C
GILLLOW, Richard 84A Outdweller
GOAR, James 20A W,6C
GOODBONE, Nicholas 15A W
HATCHER, Thomas 23A W,1C
HORN, Charles 80A W,8C Grazier
HORN, Henry 49A Outdweller
HORN, John 44A 5C Maltster
JAY, George 57A W,3C S1+1 Maltster
JEFFORD, Solomon 56A W,3C
JEFFORD, Thomas
JEFFORD, John 14a Bachelor brothers over 25
JOAD, Andrew 83A W,6C

*Conclusion Hasted + Planché said rentable val. 180
\$1 per acre per annum. but was actually 135 per acre
... acreage figures need to be mult by 1.5.*

JULL, John 78A Outdweller
 JULL, Thomas 12A W,1C
 KEBBLE George 98A W,8C S3+0
 KEEL, Robert 49A W,2C S5+0
 KELLEY, Daniel 32A Outdweller
 KINGSLAND, James 11A W
 LASLETT, Thomas 11A W,6C
 LAWRENCE, Thomas 7A W
 LEGGATT, John 18A W,1C
 MARTEN, Thomas 9A
 MARTEN, William 36A
 MATSON, James 81A Outdweller
 MATSON, Robert 28A Outdweller
 MAXSTED, Edward 22A Outdweller
 MAXSTED, John 28A Outdweller
 MAY, John Jr 62A W,1C S2+1
 MAY, John Snr 75A W S4+0
 MAY, Richard 21A
 MAY, William 104A W,3C S3+2
 MEDDOWS, Rodger 15A W,3C
 MILES, Thomas 6A W
 MINTER, Henry 110A W,3C S5+1
 MINTER, Robert 118A W,3C S5+3
 NEAM, Michael 69A W S1+1
 NOTT, Thomas 8A W,2C
 PARAMOR, Peter 12A W,3C S2+1
 PARAMOR, Joshua 72A Outdweller
 PETLEY, John 76A W,4C
 PHILPOTT, James 17A W S2+0
 PRICE, Thomas 32A W,5C
 REEVES, John 11A 1C
 RICHARDSON, Widow 39A 3C S2+1
 SAFFERY, Osmond Sr 20A
 SAFFERY, Osmond Jr 2C
 SAFFERY, John 12A W,1C S0+1
 SANDERS, John 13A W,1C
 SANDERS, Robert Jr 12A W,1C S0+1
 SANDERS, Robert Sr 44A W S1+1
 SLADDEN, John 136A W,1C S5+1
 SMALL, Daniel Jr 23A W,6C
 SMALL, Daniel Sr 307A W,2C S3+3
 SOLLY, John 6A W,1C
 SOLLY, Richard 9½A W,3C
 SOLLY, Stephen 62A W S3+1
 SPAIN, Richard 27A Outdweller
 STEVENS, James 22A W,3C
 STREDWICK, Thomas 21A W Bachelor
 son over 25.
 STURGES, Abraham 16A W,4C
 STURGES, Widow 4A S1+1
 STURGES, John 13A Bachelor over 25
 TATTENDEN(TAPPENDEN), Gilbert 41A W
 TERRY, Ralph 11A Outdweller
 TERRY, Richard 30A Outdweller
 WELLS, Joseph 53A Bachelor over 25,
 boarded with carpenter.

WHITE, Richard 80A W,1C S2+1
 WHITE, Thomas 77A W,5C S2+1
 WOOD, Daniel 22A Outdweller
 WOOD, John 7A W,6C S5+2
 WOOD, Michael 16A Maltster
 WOOD, Widow 12A
 WORSLEY, Isaac 83A W,2C S1+2
 WRAITH, Daniel 37A Outdweller
 WRAITH, Richard 62A W,5C S1+1
 YOUNG, John 18A W,3C
 YOUNG, Richard 56A W,4C

DAY LABOURERS

BAX, Stephen 2A W,4C
 BAX, Thomas 2A W
 BAILEY, Thomas W,2C
 BISHOP, James W,2C
 BURTON, John W,3C
 CHANDLER, Stephen 4A W,2C
 CHAPMAN, William W,2C
 CONSTANT, 3A W,3C
 COOK, William 6A W,1C 1 "Servant girl"
 COOPER, Thomas 5A W,4C
 CULLEN, Lawrence W,1C
 CULVERHOUS, David W,1C
 CULVERHOUS, William W,3C
 CURLING, Stephen 2A W,5C
 DUNKIN, Timothy 2A W,1C
 EASDAY, John W,1C
 EMPTIDGE, Richard 3A W
 FENNELL, John 1A W,3C
 GANN, W,4C
 GARDNER, Richard 4A 1C
 GARDENER, Stephen 2A W,2C
 GOFYNCH, Thomas 3A W,4C
 GOLDFINCH, Stephen W,3C
 GOODBONE, John 2A W,1C
 GOODBONE, Thomas 3A W,1C
 GRANT, John W,4C
 GRAY, Richard W
 GRAY, Silvester W
 HARVEY, Thomas 5A W,4C
 HOWELL, John W,3C
 HUGHES, John W,1C
 HUGHES, Oliver 3A W,2C
 JONES, John W,1C
 KENDALL, John 1C
 KENDALL, William 3A W,1C
 KNOCK, Robert
 LACIE, Stephen W
 LACIE, Thomas W,3C
 LACIE, William 5A W,4C
 LACIE, William 3A W,2C
 LILLY, Abraham 3C
 MAPLE, Damaris 1C
 MILES, Arthur 4A 1C

MINTER, George Jr 2A W,3C
 MINTER, Henry W,2C
 MOSS, Thomas W,4C
 MOTT, William 5A W,1C
 MOYN, John W
 MUSSARED, Thomas 4A W,5C
 NASH, Thomas 4A W
 NEAL, Alexander W,2C
 NEEVES, John W
 NEEVES, Richard W,1C
 PETLEY, John 3A W,3C
 PETTETT, James 2A W,1C
 RALPH, Daniel 3½A W,3C
 READ, Jeremiah W,4C
 REELY, Henry W,1C
 REVEL, Stephen 3A W,3C
 ROBERTS, Stephen W,1C
 RUSSELL, Edward W
 SANDERS, Bartholomew 4A W,3C
 SANDERS, John W,2C
 SANDERS, Peter 3A W,4C
 SANDERS, Stephen Jr
 SANDERS, Stephen Sr
 SHERRY, Daniel W,4C
 SHERRY, Richard 3A W
 SMITH, Robert W
 SOLLY, John W
 SOLLY, Stephen W
 SOLLY, Thomas W,1C
 STEVENS, James
 WALKER, Stephen 2A
 WATSON, Francis W,1C
 WEBB, John 5A 1C
 WELLARD, John 5A W
 WELLS, Thomas W,5C
 WHITE, William 1C
 WOOD, Stephen 2A W,2C
 YOUNG, Henry
 YOUNG, Peter W,2C

PAUPERS

ADNET, Thomas W,5C
 BAILEY, Widow
 BARKER, Edward W,5C
 BECKETT, Martha
 BEECH, John
 BRICE, John W,1C
 BROWNING, Widow
 BUTCHER, Widow 1C
 CLARK, John 2C
 CLEANLAND, Widow 1C
 DANTON, Stephen W,4C
 FENNELL, Ben
 FENNELL, Widow
 FENNELSEN, John W
 GARDNER, Widow 1C

HITTON, George Jr 4C
 HORN, William W,5C
 HUTSON, George Sr W,1C
 KNIGHT, John W,1C
 KNOWLER, William W,1C
 LACIE, Stephen Sr W,1C
 LACIE, Widow
 LAWRENCE, Widow 4C
 LAWRENCE, Widow
 LEGGATT, Katherin "An ancient maid".
 MARKS, John W,1C
 MOSS, Widow
 MOYN, John W
 PALMER, Henry W,4C
 PAY, Thomas W,5C
 RICHARDSON, Goodman 4C
 SAWYER, Thomas W,1C
 SMITH, William W,5C
 SMITH, Widow 2C
 SOLLY, Joan, Widow
 SOLLY, Widow 1C
 STOKES, Widow 2C
 STURGES, Solomon W,4C
 SUTTON, Widow 2C
 TATNALL, Widow 1C
 WALKER, Stephen W,4C

MISCELLANEOUS

ADDAMS, Goodman
 BARLLET, Widow
 BACHELOR, Widow
 BAX, Mary
 BROWN, Widow 4A 5C 2 Journeymen smiths.
 COUZENS, Ralph
 CUTBONE, Mary
 DIXON, Widow
 HOLT, Matthew 1C
 KEMP, Ann, Widow
 PHILPOTT, Widow 3C
 PRESTLY, Mary
 REDMAN, Widow
 SEATH, Ann, Widow S1+1
 SOLLY, Widow S1
 STODDARD, Widow 4C
 THOMSON, Mary, Widow

KEY

A = Acres held. This is a sum of the land rented and land owned. The latter might include land owned but not actually farmed by the owner, a very small percentage of the total.

C = Children.
 S = Servants: Male then female.
 W = Wife.

SERVANTS LIVING IN - ASH 1705

ANDNET, Thomas	DURBURN, Henry	NORTON, Ann
ADDAMS, John	DURBAN, John	NORWOOD, Mary
BAILY, Anthony	FENNELL, Henry	NOTT, John
BAILY, George	GOODBONE, John	OMER, Ann
BAILY, Richard	GOODBONE, Thomas	PALMER, John
BAILY, Thomas	HAMMOND, Jane	PETTLEY, John
BAKER, Ann	HAMMOND, John	PHILPOTT,
BARWICK,	HOBBS, Ralph	PRIOR, Mary
BARWICK, John	HOGBEN, Stephen	RICHARDSON, Robert
BAX, Thomas	HOLDEN, Thomas	ROBERTS, John
BAX, Thomas	HOLT, Mary	ROBERTS, Robert
BAX, William	HOPJOHN, John	SAFFERY, William
BEAN, Jane	HUGHES, Isaac	SANDERS, Mary
BECKETT, John	HUGHES, John	SOLLY, Anthony
BICKER, Susan	HUGHES, Stephen	SOLLY, Francis
BING, Elizabeth	HUGHES, Thomas	SOLLY, John
BING, Stephen	JULL, Elizabeth	STANDING, William
BIRD, John	KINGSLAND, John	STOKES, Robert
BLACKBURN, Edward	KNIGHT, Thomas	STOKES, Susan
BRICE, Simon	KNOCK, Elizabeth	STREDWICK,
BURCKET, Katherine	KNOWLER, Thomas & Wife	STURGES, John
CARTER, Elizabeth	KNOWLER, William	SUTTON, Elizabeth
CARTER, Susan	LAWRENCE, John	TATTNALL, William
CHAMBERS, Thomas	LILLY, Amy	THOMSON, Elizabeth
CHANDLER, Stephen	LILLY, John	THOMSON, Thomas
CLARK, John	LOW, Richard	THRUMB, Henry
COCK,	LOW, Thomas	TUCKER, Stephen
CONSTABLE,	MEDGETT, Ann	WHITE, Edward
CORNELIUS, Sarah	MOOR, William	WHITE, John
CORNISH, Richard	NASH, Elizabeth	WILLS, John
COUSINS, Daniel	NEEVES, Richard	WOOLLET, Aaron
DANTON, William	NOKES, John	